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HEY,
Y'ALL.

WEL-
COME
HOME!

HOW
WAS
YOUR
DATE
?

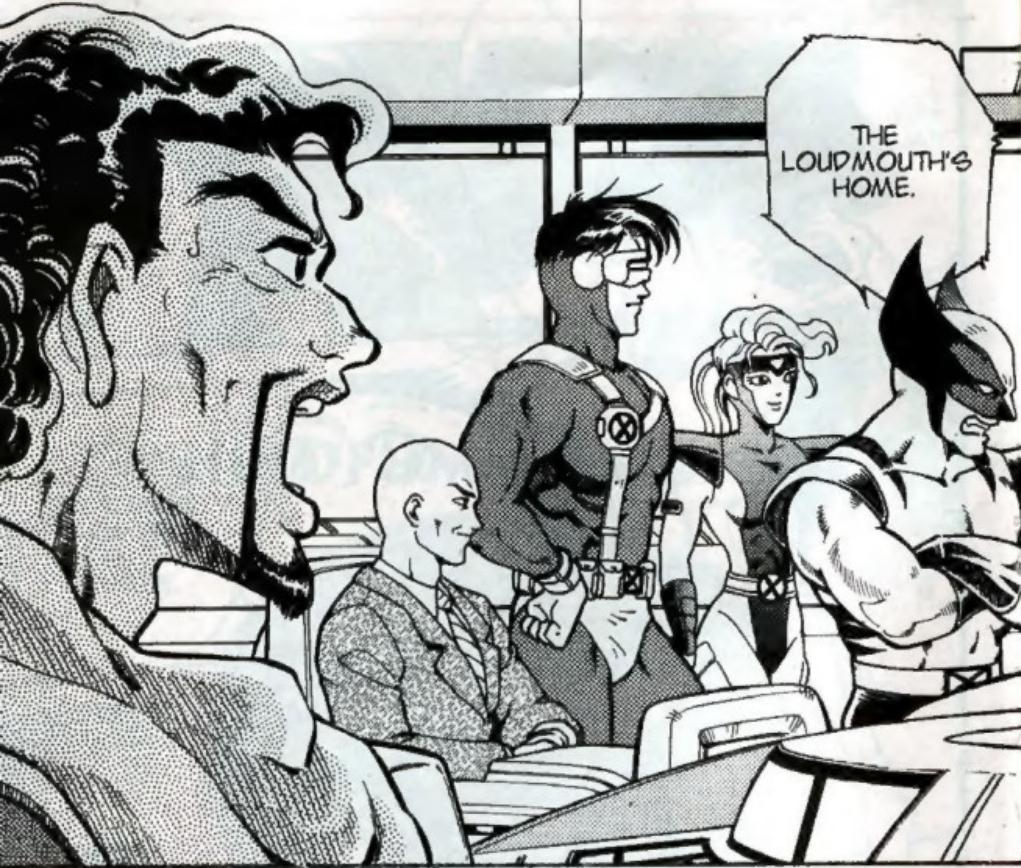
WHAT'RE
YA TALKING
ABOUT? WE
JUS' WENT
TO SEE
BEAST.

HUH?
DO WE
HAVE
GUESTS
?

HEY,
PRINCESS.
YOU
BEEN
GOOD
?







EVERYBODY
MISS ME?
GAMBIT
IS HOME!

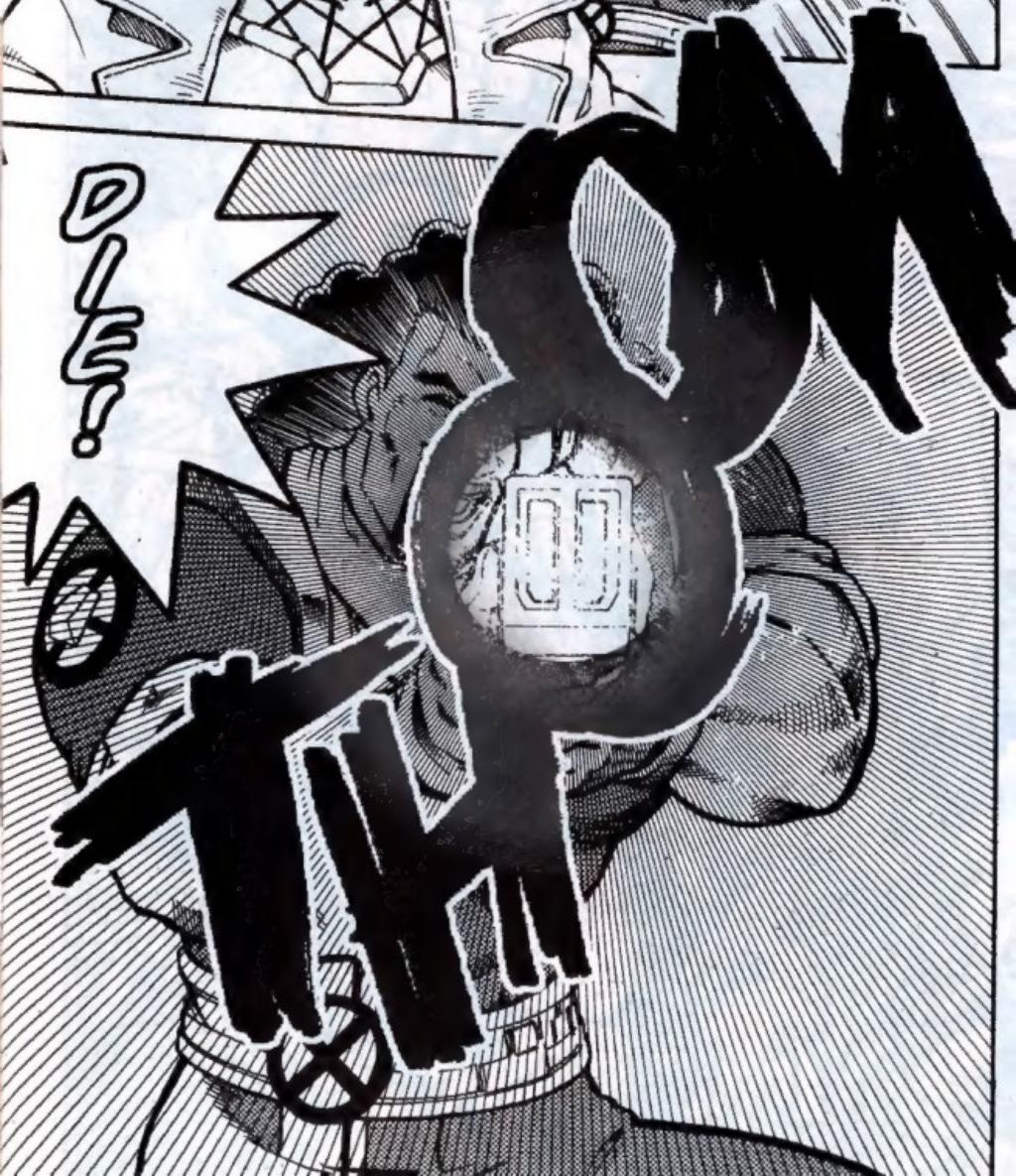
HEY, GAMBIT,
WHY DO YOU
ALWAYS
TREAT ME
LIKE A KID??

I
REMEMBER!
YOU!!
IT'S YOU.
YOU'RE MY
TARGET.

HUH?
WHAT?!

SPLASH

TRAITOR!



GAMBIT,
WATCH
OUT!

!

UUGH

YOU!
WHAT DID
YOU DO
TO HER
??!

ROGUE!

STOP
IT!

NOW!

JUST
WHAT'RE
YOU
DOING
?!

FIGHT!





PLAY-TIME'S
OVER!

DO YOU
KNOW
WHAT
YOU'RE
DOING?



WHY
DO YOU
PROTECT
HIM?

GAM-
BIT'S
ONE OF US.

HE'S
THE ONE
WHO WILL
BETRAY
THE
X-MEN.

HE'S
LIKE
FAMILY.



WHAT
DOES HE
MEAN!?

WHO
ARE
YOU?

EXPLAIN
JUS' WHAT
YOU'RE
TALKING
ABOUT!

WHAT!?

MY
NAME
IS
BISHOP.

I CAME
FROM THE
FUTURE TO
STOP AN
ASSASSIN-
ATION WHICH
GAMBIT IS
PLANNING.

HUUH
??

WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?
ARE YOU
HALF
ASLEEP
?

DON'T
PLAY
DUMB,
GAMBIT!

YOU
COMMIT
MURDER
IN WASH-
INGTON.

IT'S A
HISTOR-
ICAL
FACT!

WELL,
WELL

...
I DON'T HAVE
ANY REASON
TO GO TO
WASHINGTON OR
ASSASSINATE
ANYONE!!

THERE
WERE
WT-
NESSES.
YOU
CAN'T
DENY
IT.

YOU!!
SHUT
UP OR
I'LL...

GAMBIT,
CALM
DOWN!

THE
BEGINNING
OF THIS
WHOLE
TRAGEDY
IS THE ASS-
ASSINATION
IN WASH-
INGTON?

YES,
THAT'S
RIGHT

HUMANS HAVE
ALWAYS HATED
MUTANTS AND HAVE
LONG WISHED
FOR A WORLD
WITHOUT MUTANTS.

THIS WAS AN
EXCUSE
TO
REALLY CRACK
DOWN ON
MUTANTS.

THE
GOVERNMENT
MANUFACTURED
LARGE
QUANTITIES
OF SENTINELS
AND MADE
THEIR TROOPS
STRONGER.

THEY
STARTED
LARGE
SCALE
MUTANT
HUNTS IN
EVERY CITY.

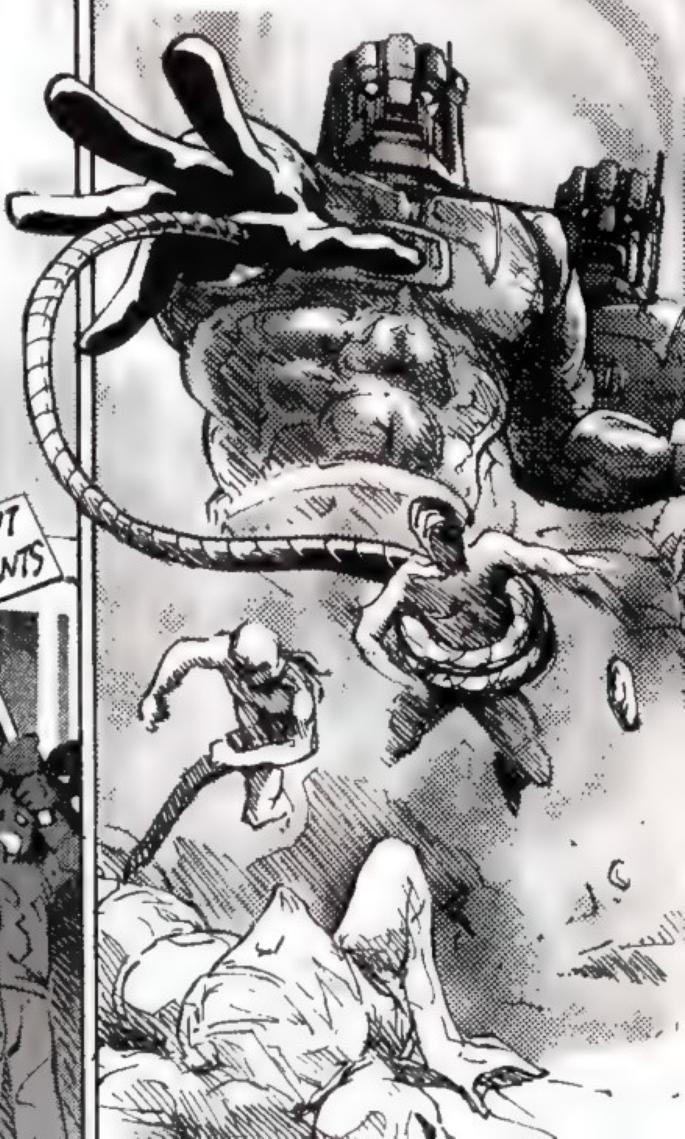
OF COURSE,
WE MUTANTS
FOUGHT BACK.



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ALWAYS
HATED
MUTANTS
AND HAVE
LONG
WISHED
FOR A
WORLD
WITHOUT
MUTANTS.

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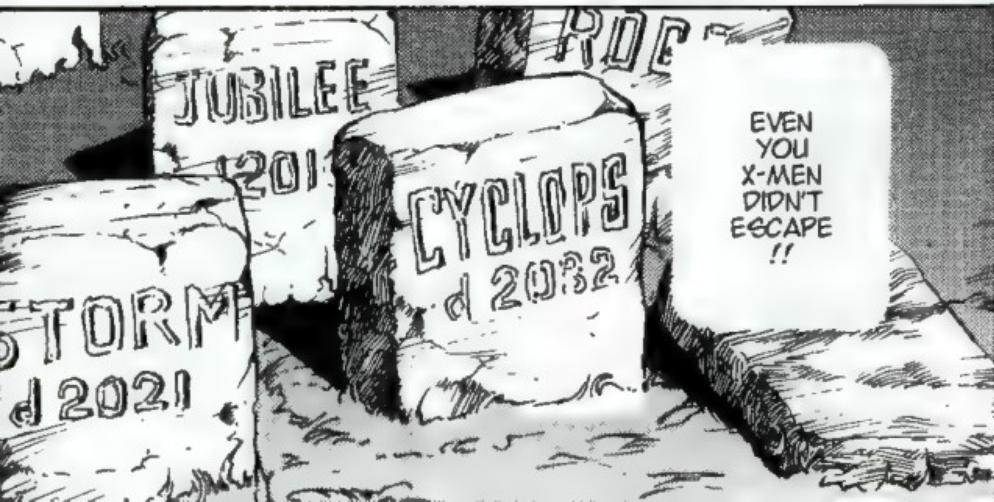
THEY
STARTED
LARGE
SCALE
MUTANT
HUNTS IN
EVERY CITY.

OF
COURSE,
WE
MUTANTS
FOUGHT
BACK.

THERE
WAS
NO
CHANCE
OF
WINNING.

ALL
CAPTURED
MUTANTS
WERE
SENT
TO
CONCEN-
TRATION
CAMPS...

...WHERE
IT WAS
LIKE
LIVING
IN HELL.
NOBODY
CAME
BACK
ALIVE.





THE
TRAGEDY
ONLY
CONTINUED
FUR-
THER.

THE
SENTINELS
STARTED
ATTACK-
ING
HUMANS.



SENTE
NELS
ATTACKED
HUMANS!?
WHY?



THE
SENTE
NELS
BECAME
OBSESSED
WITH AMBITION
AND POWER
AND SOUGHT
TO CONQUER
THE WORLD.

IT
DIDN'T
TAKE
TOO
LONG...

THIS
WORLD
WAS
SOON
CON-
QUERED
BY
SEN-
TINELS.

YOU
HAVE
A VIVID
IMAGIN-
ATION.

I'M NOT
LYING. I
DON'T CARE
IF YOU
BELIEVE
ME OR
NOT. IT'S
TRUE.

I
BELIEVE
YOUR
STORY.

WHAT
!?

PROFESSOR,
ARE YOU
KIDDING
ME!?

YOU'RE
CRAZY IF YOU
BELIEVE THIS
STRANGER'S
STORY!

HUH?

GAMBIT,
YOU SAY
"STRANGER",
BUT LOOK
AT YOUR-
SELF!

WHAT?
WOLVER-
INE...

G
A
M
B
I
T

I DON'T
THINK HIS
STORY IS
A FABRI-
CATION.

BUT
I'M NOT
SAYING
THAT I
DOUBT
YOU
EITHER.

BUT I WONDER...
EVEN IF WE STOP
THIS SUPPOSED
ASSASSINATION,
WILL THE FUTURE
CHANGE FOR THE
BETTER FOR
MUTANTS AND
HUMANS...

YES
IT
WILL!

FORGE IS
A MECHANICAL
GENIUS. HE
BELIEVED SO
AND THAT'S WHY
HE INVENTED
THIS TIME
TRANSCIEVER.

HEY! WHO'S
GONNA BE
ASSASSIN-
ATED!?
WHAT'S HIS
NAME?

AFTER
I KILL GAMBIT
AND SUCCEED IN
STOPPING THE
ASSASSINATION, I'LL
BREAK THIS DEVICE
AND GO BACK TO
THE FUTURE!!

I DON'T KNOW WHO'S GONNA BE KILLED. BUT I'M SURE IT'S DEFINITELY AN ASSASSINATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE!!

IT MUST BE SOMEONE IN THE GOVERNMENT.

IT COULDN'T BE THE PRESIDENT... ?

NO! IT SHOULDN'T BE... SPEAKING OF WHICH, I'M GOING TO GIVE A SPEECH ABOUT THE MUTANT SITUATION AT CONGRESS TOMORROW. MAYBE I MIGHT BE THE ONE WHO GETS ASSASSINATED!?



THAT SENATOR KELLY SHOULD BE AT YOUR SPEECH.

SPEAKING OF SENATOR KELLY, HE THINKS MUTANTS ARE THE ENEMY AND IS VERY KEEN ON IMPOSING MUTANT CONTROL MEASURES.

I SEE.

THERE'S A VERY HIGH POSSIBILITY HE WILL BE THE TARGET.

WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PREVENT THIS ASSASSINATION WITH OUR POWERS! WE LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY!!

YES SIR!

HOWEVER...
GAMBIT,
YOU STAY
HERE.

WHAT!?

GAMBIT,
YOU
NEVER
CAN
GUESS
THE
FUTURE.

YOU NEVER
KNOW. YOU
MAY BE
POSSESS-
ED BY AN
EVIL
SPIRIT.

THAT'S
A LOAD
OF BULL

NOBODY
TRUSTS
ME, EH
??!



THAT'S FINE.
I HAVE A
FEW IDEAS
OF MY
OWN!

GAMBIT
...

I
BELIEVE
IN YOU.

THANKS,
JUBILEE.

I
WASN'T
ACTING
LIKE
AN
ADULT.

I ALSO
WANT
BISHOP
TO STAY
HERE
BUT...

I'LL
WATCH
HIS
GUN.

I'M NOT
WORRIED
ABOUT
THAT...

IF GAMBIT
SHOULD DO
SOMETHING
STRANGE, I'LL
KILL HIM
WITHOUT
HESITATION.

THAT'S
MY
LINE!

IT'S NO USE.
I'M GOING
TO HAVE TO
STAY AND
WATCH
THEM.

WOLVERINE,
YOU TAKE
CARE OF
EVERY-
THING.

YEAH!
LEAVE IT
TO ME!

WWOOOOO!!
**LET'S
GO!!**

WOODS

WELL,
GUYS
YOU
WANNA
PLAY
POKER
?

WHATEVER.

PLAYING
POKER
WTH
GAMBIT?
I'M
NOT A
CHILD.

IF
YOU
DON'T
WANNA,
DON'T.

HEY
YOU
TWO!
CALM
DOWN.
LET'S
HAVE
FUN!

IT'S
GONNA
BE A
LONG
NIGHT.

To Be Continued...